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1. The Central Commission for Aviation Sport was a state organization dependent directly on the Council of Ministers. It was set up to propagate flying and parachuting as sport. Young people who showed special aptitude were sent to special aviation schools and thus supplied a nucleus of selected candidates for pilot and parachute training in the armed forces. The Commission belonged to the U.T.M. (Young Workers Union), the central Communist youth organization, whose leaders were members of the Central Committee of the Party.
2. The Commission was organized as follows: President, Vice-President, Investments Department, Supply Department, and Propaganda Department.
3. Future aviators were chosen from among young people of 15-21, who worked in factories or belonged to one of the U.T.M. groups. As of January 1952, it was planned to turn the Commission into a mass organization like Dosav, a similar organization in the USSR.
4. The young people attended courses for model planes, gliding, flying, and parachute training. There were 45 such courses in the 28 districts of Rumania. In 1951, the schools were attended by 5,000 pupils. It was planned to reach a figure of 150,000 pilots and 150,000 parachutists by 1955.
5. A propaganda periodical called Aviatia was issued by the Commission. It had 5,000 subscribers in 1951.
6. Airplanes and gliders were supplied by a factory for civilian planes located in Bucharest, Calea Sergent Nituj, a glider factory at Reghin, and the IAR Factory at Stalin (Brasov). In 1951, 80 gliders were imported for the Commission from Czechoslovakia.

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7. [] 40 airfields had been built in various forests, some of them underground.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Description</u>
Vasile Scortea	President of the Commission with the rank of a deputy minister	38-40, tall, dark, former worker with the CFR (Rumanian Railways) and reservist pilot
Muscalagiu	Vice-president of the Commission	40, tall, dark, former worker with the CFR. Went to Czechoslovakia to bring the above 80 gliders

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